several other Heads of States and Government, Prime Minister's Special Envoys and other high dignitaries have held discussions in various Capitals of the world. However, the divergence in the attitude of the two bellingerents remains wide and there is yet no consensus concerning the steps to be taken to put an end to the conflict.

(b) Government of India have repeatedly stated they want to see an end to this unfortunate conflict which has caused tremendous loss of human life and property. There have been continuous exchanges of views with other interested Governments in an effort to find a basis for an amicable settlement to the conflict.

Pakistan Foreign Minister's visit to New Delhi

***1068. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Minister of Pakistan visited New Delhi on the 9th July, 1984; and

(b) if so, what issues were discussed with him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) The Foreign Minister of Pakistan arrived at Palam airport at 8.30 a.m. on the 9th July to proceed half-an-hour later to Male with our Foreign Minister in the latter's special flight. The consultations during the flight were informal and of a general nature and covered several aspects of Indo-Pakistan relations.

Security preparations by Sri Lanka

@@1069. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI T. THANGABALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposed military purchases as also invitation to the Israeli intelligence Agency, the dreaded MOSSAD by the Sri Lankan Government to prepare a security master plan for the region as a whole, the stationing of the SAS, the crack British unit to train forces for sombat; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHMAN): (a) Government are aware that Sri Lanka has sought the services of security and intelligence experts from Britain and Israel.

(b) Government of India have consistently opposed foreign military presence in the South Asian region. They view with concern the induction of foreign security and intellegence personnel in an area so close to our shores. Government are of the view that the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka should and can be resolved through a political dialogue.

Issurance of passports to Haji Mastan and Sukur Narain Bakhia

@@@1070. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance for issuing passports to Haji Mastan and Sukur Narain Bakhia for going abroad;

(b) whether it is a fact that their passports had been impounded due to number of smuggling charges against them; and

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